

Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria

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Organisation Name:

Your position or role:

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Drag the statements below to reorder them. In order of priority, please rank the themes you believe are most important for this Inquiry into the use of Cannabis in Victoria to consider::

Mental health, Accessing and using cannabis, Public health, Public safety, Social impacts, Young people and children, Education, Criminal activity

What best describes your interest in our Inquiry? (select all that apply) :

Individual, other – please explain

I have two "lesions" on my frontal lobes that recently got bigger (another MRI coming to confirm as the last one was done in a separate place to the first and thus had different tech involved). I had certain personal problems with my family when I was young and was locked in my room for most of my life. When I go outside, I sweat profusely and freak out. I have migraines more often than not and have had insomnia since I was 11 years old (maybe younger, just being safe), going days without sleeping before finally being able to rest. Every single one of these issues has been proven to be solved with marijuana, they are not caused by it as I take long, frequent breaks from it to remind myself that I am in control. Marijuana is also illegal ... I can't even grow 1-2 plants for personal use to save some money and help myself live normally. I have been on more medications than I can count and am now turning 22 this year. 11 years of that suffering, meanwhile, heroine junkies can shoot up legally in their little safe spaces. On what planet is heroine use deemed OK but weed is just wrong? On what planet can we drink alcohol and get absolutely shitfaced and proceed to run people over or get into fights but we can't have a substance that slows us down a little bit and helps us feel relaxed (as well as many other benefits just for me, there are countless others as well)? Apparently the answer is this planet. This is the planet that wants me to work full time and contribute to society but also won't let me do what I need to do in order to not think about killing myself all hours of the day from the anxiety and suffering that I deal with. I am expected to be a drone with no emotions and just do the work whilst I slowly die, missing out on the pure bliss of being able to sleep every night. My life is dictated by a government that has proven time and time again, that they don't care about my suffering.

Thank you for reading my take on this.

Are there any additional themes we should consider?

Public safety would increase slightly as whoever is doing it would be more relaxed. Crime would go down because people could simply grow their own plant or two and not need to involve themselves with shady people. ALSO we as a country would make more money as it could be taxed (for those that don't want to grow their own).

Select all that apply. Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of cannabis? :

Personal use of cannabis should be legal. , Sale of cannabis should be legal and regulated. , Cultivation of cannabis for personal use should be legal. , Other – please explain.

Age limit, same with alcohol. Since alcohol is a literal poison that causes almost 6000 deaths per year. See: <https://www.cancerwa.asn.au/articles/news-2018/alcohol-causes-nearly-6000-australian-deaths-in-on/>

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

All of the terms of reference can and ARE applied to the use of alcohol. Alcohol by its very nature is much

more harmful than marijuana is, most of the policies and procedures used for the distribution and control of alcohol can also be applied. The following is, in my opinion, the best way to proceed:

- Government controlled distribution, taxation and overall THC content of marijuana.
- A two plant per person limit with 4 being the maximum for a household of two or more adults (like the ACT).
- Prohibition of supplying marijuana to someone else unless licensed to do so (this is touched on in point #1 however it is expanded further here to ensure people know not to share joints or "pass the bong" as it is a slight health hazard).
- Limiting marijuana use by not allowing groups of people to do it together (safety reasons).

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?:

The reasoning behind my idea of limiting its use to personal spaces and not allowing large groups of people to do it out in the open is because marijuana may or may not impact ones ability to defend themselves.

The reasoning behind not sharing joints is some of the more disgusting members of society may do what they do with alcohol and attempt to intoxicate someone else in order to take advantage of their impaired decision making.

Marijuana use can be extremely safe so long as we respect it and the effects it causes, same with alcohol we need to try and only use marijuana if we are in a private space that we consider safe (although this is more strict than necessary, I know politicians love their babysitting, otherwise itd be legal already anyway like the rest of the developed, progressive world).

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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